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**BROCKTON, MA** – Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today that Judith Ritacco, (DOB: 01/11/1962) of Boylston, was arraigned today on charges of Endangering a Child, Failure to Report a 51A as a Mandated Reporter and two counts of Witness Intimidation. The Commonwealth requested and Judge Ronald Moynihan set bail at \$25,000.00 with conditions that if she posts the bail, she stay away from and have no contact with the victims of the abuse, witnesses to the charged crimes and all children. She has also been ordered to surrender her passport. The case has been scheduled for a pretrial conference on May 8, 2015. Ritacco is represented by Attorney Thomas Guiney of Roslindale.

The charges stem from her involvement in not reporting alleged child abuse at the Bridgewater State University childcare center. Assistant District Attorney Amanda Fowle told Judge Moynihan that a number of teachers at the center reported their concerns to Ritacco about a worker at the center, Kyle Loughlin. Despite the concern, Ritacco not only didn't report the matter to the Department of Children and Families, but directed her staff not to report it to DCF, the campus police, or to speak to anyone about it. Loughlin was eventually charged with two counts of Rape of Child and three counts of Aggravated Indecent Assault and Battery on a Child Under 14 approximately three weeks after the concerns were first brought to Ritacco's attention. Loughlin's case is scheduled for a dangerousness hearing in the Brockton District Court on April 13, 2015.

These matters are being investigated by the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office and the Bridgewater State University Police.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS BEING RELEASED AT THIS TIME.

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